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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE
DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO OSD/ISA FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NATO, OVIP (LUNS, JOSEPH M.A.H.)
SUBJECT: SYG LUNS' VISIT TO THE US

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1. I HAVE JUST TALKED WITH JOSEPH LUNS ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING
VISITS OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE. I FOUND HIM
BOTH ANGRY AND HURT, FOR AS YET, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TELL
HIM WHEN THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN
WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM IN WASHINGTON.

2. WE COUNT ON LUNS TO SUPPORT OUR INITIATIVES IN THE ALLI-
ANCE, AND OVER TH YEARS HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY HELPFUL TO
OUR INTERESTS. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, FOR REASONS THAT I DO
NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND, HE REGARDS OUR FAILURE TO FIX DATES FOR
HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AS A PERSONAL SLIGHT OF
EXTRAORDINARY MAGNITUDE. THE RESULT HAS BEEN A
DIFFICULT PERIOD OF SOME DAYS, MARKED BY AN UNUSUALLY
DISPARAGING ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US, ACCORDING TO MY
COLLEAGUES AMONG THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

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3. I SPOKE TO LUNS ABOUT THIS TODAY, UNDERLINING THE
IMPORTANCE TO US OF HIS UNFAILING SUPPORT AND URGING
PATIENCE ON HIS PART. WHILE HE RESPONDED COURTEOUSLY
AND RECOVERED SOME OF HIS USUAL JOIE DE VIVRE, HE
ONLY PARTLY CONCEALED HIS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT HOW THE US
VIEWS HIM.

4. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO THE SECRETARY AND
OTHERS WHO MAY BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING LUNS' PROGRAM
IN THE US WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAKING IT POSSIBLE

FOR US TO INFORM LUNS NO LATER THAN THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT THIS WEEK OF OUR PLANS FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH US
OFFICIALS DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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